

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of the Claims:

Claims 1-29 (Cancelled)

Claim 30 (New): A receptacle assembly supported on an offshore oilfield production structure for positioning an elongate member and orienting the elongate member toward a selected location on the seabed or another structure, the receptacle assembly comprising:

a mounting bracket secured to the oilfield production structure; and

a basket supported on the mounting bracket, the basket having a throughbore for receiving the elongate member, the throughbore oriented at a fixed azimuth and declination with respect to an exterior reference surface of the basket, the fixed azimuth and declination selected as a function of the selected location on the seabed or the another structure to align the elongate member substantially toward the selected location on the seabed or the another structure.

Claim 31 (New): A receptacle assembly as defined in Claim 30, wherein the elongate member includes a tapered stress joint having an exterior tapered supported surface and an elongate tubular section extending downward from the tapered supported surface, and the throughbore includes a tapered inner surface for receiving the tapered supported surface in a substantially concentric relationship for supporting the tapered stress joint in a substantially fixed relationship with respect to the basket.

Claim 32 (New): A receptacle assembly as defined in Claim 30, wherein the exterior reference surface of the basket is an arcuate reference surface, and the selected azimuth and declination are both nonzero with respect to an axis of the arcuate reference surface.

Claim 33 (New): A receptacle assembly as defined in Claim 30, wherein the basket further comprises:

a basket outer body; and

a basket liner positioned within and supported by the basket outer body, the basket liner defining the throughbore oriented at the fixed azimuth and declination.

Claim 34 (New): A receptacle assembly as defined in Claim 33, wherein the basket liner comprises a material selected from one or both of a non-metallic composite and a plastic.

Claim 35 (New): A receptacle assembly as defined in Claim 30, wherein the basket further comprises:

an open throat for laterally receiving the elongate member.

Claim 36 (New): A receptacle assembly as defined in Claim 30, further comprising:
a projecting member included with one of the basket and mounting bracket; and
a receiving member included with the other of the basket and mounting bracket for receiving the projecting member to support the basket on the mounting bracket.

Claim 37 (New): A receptacle assembly as defined in Claim 36, wherein the projecting member comprises a pin and the receiving member comprises a hole through the basket for receiving the pin.

Claim 38 (New): A receptacle assembly as defined in Claim 36, wherein the projecting member comprises a bolt and the receiving member comprises an open slot on the basket for hanging the basket on the bolt.

Claim 39 (New): A receptacle assembly as defined in Claim 36, wherein the projecting member comprises a spherical outer surface on the basket and the receiving member comprises a spherical inner surface on the mounting bracket for mating with the spherical outer surface on the basket.

Claim 40 (New): A receptacle assembly supported on an offshore oilfield production structure for positioning an elongate member and orienting the elongate member toward a selected location on the seabed or another structure, the elongate member comprising a stress

joint having an exterior tapered supported surface and an elongate tubular section extending downward from the tapered supported surface, the receptacle assembly comprising:

a mounting bracket secured to the oilfield production structure; and

a basket supported on the mounting bracket, the basket having a throughbore including a tapered inner surface for receiving the tapered supported surface in a substantially concentric relationship for supporting the tapered stress joint in a substantially fixed relationship with respect to the basket, the throughbore oriented at a fixed nonzero azimuth and nonzero declination with respect to an axis of an arcuate exterior reference surface of the basket, the fixed azimuth and declination selected as a function of the selected location on the seabed or the another structure to align the elongate member substantially toward the selected location on the seabed or the another structure.

Claim 41 (New): A receptacle assembly as defined in Claim 40, wherein the basket further comprises:

a basket outer body; and

a basket liner positioned within and supported by the basket outer body, the basket liner defining the throughbore oriented at the fixed azimuth and declination.

Claim 42 (New): A receptacle assembly as defined in Claim 40, wherein the basket liner is selected from one or more of a plastic and a non-metallic composite material.

Claim 43 (New): A receptacle assembly as defined in Claim 40, wherein the basket further comprises:

an open throat for laterally receiving the elongate member.

Claim 44 (New): A receptacle assembly as defined in Claim 40, further comprising:
a projecting member included with one of the basket and mounting bracket; and
a receiving member included with the other of the basket and mounting bracket for receiving the projecting member to support the basket on the mounting bracket.